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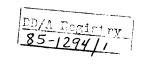
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The Honorable James C. Sanders Administrator U.S. Small Business Administration Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Mr. Sanders:

This is in reply to your letter to the Director of Central Intelligence, dated 3 April 1985, wherein you inquired about the CIA's compliance with the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 644(k).

In recognition of the crucial mission of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Congress provided very broad authority and mandated the protection of Agency activities and sources.

The Agency's unique procurement requirements were recognized in sections 3 and 8 of the CIA Act of 1949, as amended (50 U.S.C. 403c and 403j). Further, section 40 U.S.C. 474(17) of the Federal Property and Administration Service Act of 1949, provides that "Nothing in the act shall impair or affect any authority-- ...(17) of the Central Intelligence Agency."

As I am sure you can appreciate, the Agency procurement activities are closely integrated into the fabric of Agency missions, sources of intelligence, and clandestine personnel. Governmental programs which would operate effectively in other government agencies may impose severe mission constraints on our activities and, more importantly, may lead to the disclosure of classified information or information relating to intelligence sources and methods.

Congress demonstrated their sensitivity to the problem by enacting an exemption from the disclosure of organizational information (50 U.S.C. 403g), and further mandated that the Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for protecting intelligence sources and methods from unauthorized disclosure (50 U.S.C. 403(d)(3)). The Supreme Court of the United States in Central Intelligence Agency v. Sims, No. 83-1075 (U.S. S. Ct., April 16, 1985), has recently upheld this broad grant of authority.

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The Honorable James C. Sanders

This same rationale applies with equal force to much of the goods and services acquired through the Agency's procurement system. Even those seemingly innocuous acquisitions have the potential of incrementally degrading the Agency's security posture.

Our unique procurement requirements and procedures have been reviewed and accepted by various Congressional committees, including our Intelligence Oversight Committee.

While we do not have formal assets within our procurement organization whose principal task is directed towards Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, I must hasten to add that we are committed to the spirit of small and disadvantaged business legislation and have many activities in progress. CIA will continue what I believe is an excellent record of contracting with small business under the constraint within which we operate.

While I regret we cannot formally implement policies of the Administration on small and disadvantaged business, I wish to assure you that we will continue to apply the spirit of the act.

We appreciate your inquiry, and wish the U.S. Small Business Administration the very best in its future endeavors.

Sincerely,

/s/ Harry E. Fitzwater

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Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

We have learned that the CIA does not have an Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (OSDBU). As the Government's advocate for small business, the Small Business Administration (SBA) is hopeful that your agency will soon establish such an office.

Section 221(k) of Public Law 95-507 (15 U.S.C. 644(k)) requires each Federal agency having procurement powers to establish an Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, to be managed by a "director" who is appointed by the agency head and is responsible only to, and reports directly to, the agency head or deputy.

The director is responsible for the implementation and execution of functions, set forth in Section 211 of Public Iaw 95-507 (15 U.S.C. 637), to further opportunities for small and small disadvantaged business concerns to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts with Federal agencies. The director is also responsible for cooperating and consulting on a regular basis with SBA in carrying out these functions. SBA is authorized to assist Federal agencies in complying with their responsibilities under this Act.

In anticipation of your establishing an Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, we are offering our full support. After you have designated an OSDBU director, we would appreciate your notifying us of your choice so that we can establish and maintain contact with that individual in carrying out our mutual responsibilities in the procurement area.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future regarding this important matter.

Yours truly,

James C. Sanders Administrator